

REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated March 30, 2007, the Applicants elect Group II, with traverse. The traversal is made on the ground that it is believed that a single search and examination covering all claims would not place undue burden on the Examiner.

Applicants have also amended claims 45, 57, 66, and 70 to recite a predetermined reaction site having a volume of less than about 2 ml. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification, for example, on 18, lines 18-23. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 49 to recite polystyrene. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification, for instance, on page 27, lines 14-19.

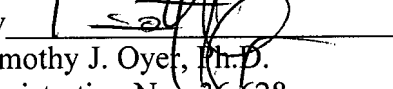
Applicants have also canceled claims 41-44, 61-65, 69, 71-78, 82, 84, 85, 87-89, 92, 97-101, 103-105, 109, 111, 113, 114, and 117, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with Applicants' representatives would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at 617-720-3500.

Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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